

Waukesha County Recycling and Solid Waste Program Report 2001

County recycling and solid waste staff is committed to the delivery of efficient and cost effective service to all residents, businesses and institutions within the County. This condensed summary provides you with a glimpse of the recycling and solid waste programs and the results achieved last year.

Recycling and Solid Waste Programs	Results
Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) Operations Recycling Grant Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Processed 21,022 tons of residential recyclables ▪ Replaced original baler infeed conveyors ▪ Completed RFP process and selection of contractor for new 5-year agreement to operate MRF ▪ 84,240 households received weekly recyclables collection ▪ Distributed \$500,000 in recycling dividends to 25 participating communities ▪ Provided documentation to the DNR on recycling costs and programs in order to receive a \$1.13 million grant ▪ Developed new brochure promoting MRF Tours and distributed to schools and youth organizations ▪ Updated questions and answers for Wise Tree of Recycling display ▪ Educated 1,145 MRF visitors – a 23% increase over last year
Education and Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentations reached 532 students and 138 adults ▪ Recycling and Waste Reduction Newspaper mailed to 150,000 county households ▪ Over 300 newsletter readers completed opinion surveys and entered a drawing for 5 home compost bins ▪ Mailed out and completed compost bin survey ▪ 117,000 tax mailing inserts promoted computer recycling and disposal options for special wastes ▪ “History of Trash”, 3-layer puzzle, attracted people to the recycling & waste reduction display at County Fair ▪ Updated recycling and waste reduction fact sheets, posters and brochures and added them to the website
Business/In-house Reduction & Recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conducted 59 business inspections in 18 communities, including 27 waste assessments of schools and county parks ▪ Initiated in-house Pollution Prevention (P2) Team ▪ Collected 174 tons of paper/cardboard, 14 tons of commingled materials, and about 1 ton of polystyrene at County buildings ▪ Partnered with UW-Extension Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center and Wisconsin Focus on Energy to conduct waste assessments of four School District of Waukesha schools

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Waste Reduction Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Published annual Green Pages in cooperation with MJS ▪ Secured The Home Depot and Wisconsin Energy Corporation as sponsors ▪ Received a Wisconsin Environmental Education Board grant to expand Coalition programs to Jefferson County and Cedarburg area ▪ Awarded \$9,900 in scholarships to 24 area students ▪ Assisted in diverting kitchen grease and 1,200 pounds of cardboard from the 2001 Waukesha RiverFest ▪ Collected 5,300 soda/water bottles and 840 pounds of cardboard/paper for recycling at the County Fair and composted 500 pounds of food waste from 4-H Building
Household Hazardous Waste County Program Superior Emerald Park Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Served a total of 4,756 households at county and SEPL sites, an increase of 22% over 2000 ▪ Collected a total of 242,468 pounds of hazardous material ▪ Included 2,907 households at the 2 county operated sites at a cost of \$42.23 per participating household ▪ Included 1,849 households at 6 satellite collection events and the Muskego site under the SEPL program at no cost to county
Agricultural/Business Clean Sweep Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Received \$14,694 Dept. of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) grant to implement ongoing program in conjunction with HHW collection at Waukesha incinerator ▪ Developed targeted promotion to farmers, agricultural and small businesses through brochures, chamber of commerce newsletters and newspaper ads ▪ Served 24 farms and businesses ▪ Collected 5,570 pounds of hazardous waste
Miscellaneous Computers Textiles Food Recovery Task Force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Managed collection of 31 tons of computers from the City of Waukesha and the City of Brookfield drop-off sites ▪ Due to poor markets, Goodwill discontinued textile recycling collection at the cities of Brookfield, Delafield, New Berlin, and Waukesha drop-off centers ▪ Prior to those closings, municipal sites collected a total of 47,900 pounds of textiles for recycling in 2001 ▪ Formalized Food Recovery Program of Waukesha County as a program of the Food Pantry of Waukesha